

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Brashear, Grimes, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—9.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Burleson, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller and Navarro—7.

Carried.

Senator Burleson moved to strike out \$3 and insert \$4 per day for compensation for Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper.

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Robinson, Williams and Williamson—7.

Nays. Senators, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips and Wallace—9.

Lost.

Senator Phillips offered the following amendment:

For the purchase of books &c., for Treasurer's office, one hundred dollars.

Adopted.

On motion, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time by its caption, and the yeas and nays being called on the final passage stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace and Williams—15.

Nays. None.

So the bill passed.

Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TUESDAY, May 12th, 1846. }
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the passage of a bill defining the office and duties of Notaries Public, and requesting the concurrence of the Senate.

Also informing the Senate of the election of Honorable S. W. Perkins as speaker of the House in the place of Honorable H. Bourland resigned.

On motion of Senator Parker, the Senate proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill defining the office and duties of Coroners ; read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to define the office and duties of Notaries Public ; read 1st time ; rule suspended ; read 2nd time.

Senator Phillips moved to strike out all after the word "there-with" in the 6th section of the bill ; carried.

On motion of Senator Parker, the bill authorizing volunteers to elect their own officers, was taken up ; read 2nd time.

Senator Jewett moved to suspend the rule so as to place the bill on 3rd reading, upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, Miller, Parker, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—12.

Nays. Senators, McKinney, Navarro and Phillips—3.

Carried ; bill read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the resolution offered of a previous day, to go into the election of Commissioner of the General Land Office, was taken up and adopted.

Senator Grimes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the assistant Secretary of the Senate be continued in office after the adjournment of the Legislature, not to exceed ten days, for the purpose of making up and arranging the journals, and the reports of committees, and that he receive at the rate of four dollars per day for his services, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

A message was received from the Governor, informing the Senate of his approval of a bill establishing a General Land Office for the State of Texas.

On motion the Senate took a recess of half an hour.

The recess having expired, the Senate was called to order—roll called and a quorum present.

Senator Robinson, chairman of the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
12th May, 1846. }

To the Honorable A. C. Horton,
President of the Senate.

And S. W. Perkins,
Speaker of the House Representatives :

A majority of the committee of Conference, to whom was submitted a bill and amendments, entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, report.

That it is agreed that the House concur in the amendments of the Senate to the 6th section.

Concur in amendment to 7th section.

Concur in amendment to 8th section.

That the Senate recede from their amendment to the 11th section.

That the House concur in the amendments to the 12th section.

That after the word "assessed" in 3rd line, 13th section, insert "under the provisions of this act." In 6th line same section after the word "been" insert "assessed at."

Concur in amendments to 14th section.

In 15th section strike out in 7th line all after the word "county," to the word "property" in 11th line, and insert "stating the original grantee and owner's name, if known, and the amount of State and county tax due on each tract of land."

In 17th section strike out in 5th line the word "distress," and insert, "by virtue of his tax list," strike out at end of section the word "and cost."

Senate recede from 1st amendment in 18th section, and House concur in the 2nd and 3rd and

Concur in amendment to 19th section.

In 20th section, concur in amendments and insert in 7th line after the words "same" "and the seal of the County Court, and in 9th line, after word "sale" insert "by virtue of such certificate."

Section 21. Insert after the word "which" in 6th line "he resides, or in which" and add to the end of the section.

Provided, That when the payment is made to the assessor and collector of the county in which the owner resides, the assessor and collector shall give separate and specific receipts for the lands in each county, corresponding to the comptrollers published list.

Concur in striking out 23rd section.

In 24th section, after the word "law" insert "exchequer bills of the Republic of Texas, and," and after the word "States" strike out balance of the section.

26th section concur in amendment of Senate as a substitute.

Concur in amendment to 27th section.

Concur in amendment to 28th section.

Concur in amendment to 29th section.

Concur in amendment to 31st section.

JESSE J. ROBINSON,

Chairman on part Senate.

A. McNEIL, *Chairman*

on part of the House of Representatives.

On motion, the report and amendments were adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the 1st 3rd 4th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th and 21st amendments and refused to concur in the 25th 12th and 19th amendments of the Senate, to a bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847.

On motion the bill and amendments were taken up.

2nd amendment, the Senate recedes.

5th amendment, the yeas and nays were called upon and stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Brashear, Navarro, Phillips, Robinson and Williamson—5.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Wallace and Williams—10.

Refused to recede.

12th Amendment, yeas and nays called upon stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Burleson, Jewett, Navarro and Williamson—6.

Nays. Senators, Grimes, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace and Williams—9.

Refused to recede.

19th Amendment, yeas and nays called upon stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Brashear, Robinson and Williamson—4.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Wallace and Williams—12.

Refused to recede.

Yeas and nays called for on the amendment to strike out \$800 as salary of Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

Yeas. Senators, Bourland, Brashear and Williamson—3.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Burleson, Grimes, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace and Williams—12.

Refused to recede.

The Senate receded from their amendment striking out two Clerks in the Comptrollers office.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had adopted the report and amendments of the committee of Conference on the bill to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes.

On motion, Senators Grimes, Bagby and Williamson, were appointed a committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on a bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847.

Senator McNeel, chairman of the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, have examined a bill to establish a General Land Office in the State of Texas, and find the same correctly Enrolled, and being signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, was presented to the Governor for his approval.

A message was received from the House, transmitting a joint resolution providing an examination into the condition of the General Land Office, and requesting the concurrence of the Senate to the same.

Also informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House, in their resolution to go into the election of a Commissioner of the General Land Office at 3 o'clock p. m., and had appointed Messrs Erath, McNeil, Rayner, Redgate and Cazneau, a committee of Conference, on the bill making appropriations for the years 1846 and 1847.

A joint resolution providing for an examination into the condition of the General Land Office; read 1st time.

Senator Williamson moved to suspend the rule and place the bill on its 2nd reading.

Yeas. None.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—16.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Jewett, the bill defining the office and duties of Notary Public was taken up; rule suspended read 3rd time and passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, roll called and a quorum present.

Senator Grimes, chairman of the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill making appropriations for the years 1846 and 1847, made the following report:

AUSTIN, the 12th May, 1846.

*To the Honorable Albert C. Horton,
President of the Senate.*

The committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847, have had the bill under consideration, and a majority of the committee have instructed me to report the following:

6th amendment, the entire committee agree to strike out \$600 in the Senate's amendment, and insert \$800.

Adopted.

For compensation of the officers of the first Legislature, the majority of the committee agree to strike out \$5 per day and insert \$4.50 per day.

Rejected.

For biennial salary of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, the majority of the committee agree to strike out \$800 and insert \$600.

Rejected.

JESSE GRIMES,
Chairman on part of Senate.
J. B. ERATH,
On part of the House.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of their adoption of the report of the committee of Conference, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847.

And had concurred in the Senate's amendment to a bill defining the office and duties of Notaries Public.

A committee from the House, through their chairman Mr. Clark, invited the Senate into the Representative Hall, for the purpose of going into an election for Commissioner of the General Land Office.

On motion of Senator Burleson, the report of the committee of Conference was taken up.

6th amendment adopted.

Amendment of the committee striking out \$5 and inserting \$4.50 for compensation of officers of the Legislature; upon which the yeas and nays stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Williams and Williamson—5.

Nays. Senators, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson and Wallace—10.

Rejected.

Amendment for biennial salary of Chief Clerk of House of Representatives, striking out \$800 and inserting \$600.

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Williamson—4.

Nays. Senators, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Wallace, and Williams—12.

Rejected.

On motion, a committee of Conference was appointed, composed of Senators Parker and McKinney.

On motion, the Senate took a recess for one hour.

The recess having expired, the roll was called, and a quorum present.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had receded from their amendments to a bill making appropriations for the support of the Government for the years 1846 and 1847.

Senator Phillips introduced a bill to provide for the safe keeping of the archives of the Government, heretofore appertaining to the auditor's office of the late Republic of Texas; read 1st time and on motion laid on the table.

Senator McNeel, chairman of the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, have examined a bill to create a land District composed of the counties of San Patricio and Nueces, also a bill to regulate proceedings in the District Court, and finding the same correctly enrolled, and being signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Report adopted.

Senator Williamson offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the sum of one dollar per day, be allowed for the pay of a Porter, to be drawn from the contingent fund of the Senate. Adopted.

Senator McNeel, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported as follows :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom were referred the following petitions praying relief, viz :

Petition of Jas. Bowlin.

Petition of A. H. Burress.

Have partially examined the same, and for want of time, return the same without action, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

Senator McNeel introduced a joint resolution disposing of the papers of the Legislature ; read 1st time.

Senator Williamson moved that a committee of three be appointed, to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate having finished all business, would be in readiness to adjourn *sine die* on to morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the adoption of a resolution to proceed forthwith to the election of a Commissioner of the General Land Office.

On motion, the resolution was taken up.

Senator Phillips moved to amend by inserting Thursday at 3 o'clock P. M. Lost.

Senator McKinney moved to lay the resolution on the table, upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood thus :

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Robinson, Williams and Williamson—12.

Nays. Senators, Navarro, Phillips and Wallace—3.

Carried.

Senator Wallace introduced a joint resolution requiring the Comptroller to settle the accounts of certain persons.

Read 1st time; rule suspended; read 2nd time; rule further suspended; read 3rd time and passed.

Senator McKinney offered the following resolution

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, That they respectfully recommend to the favorable consideration of the United States Government, the officers of the late Texas Navy, who have gallantly defended the interests and flag of the Republic on the Gulf of Mexico, and request that they may be retained and provided for in the naval service thereof.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate adjourned until half past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met, roll called, and a quorum present.

Senator McKinney presented a protest against the disregard with which the national debt had been treated, which the Senate refused to have spread on the journals.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had passed a joint resolution requiring the Comptroller of the State of Texas to settle the accounts of certain persons, which originated in the Senate with an amendment.

Also had passed a bill to authorize the Governor of the State to appoint commissioners, to examine into and report all books papers, vouchers &c., belonging to or used about the Custom House of the late Republic of Texas.

Read 1st time.

Amendments of the House, to joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to settle the accounts of certain persons; concurred in.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to morrow at 8 o'clock

SENATE CHAMBER, }
WEDNESDAY, May 13th, 1846. }
8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, roll called, and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator McNeel, chairman of the committee on Engrossed and Enrolled bills, reported the correct enrollment of a joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Comptroller of the State of Texas to settle certain accounts, and after being signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Report adopted.